

Dear Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I urge you to take immediate action to pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S, 484). I am a retired educator who taught college for over 40 years and who has been denied over 50% of the Social Security rightfully due me from work I did prior to my becoming a teacher. I contributed to Social Security along with everyone else during those years and now, simply because I chose to teach, I am denied Social Security benefits that are rightfully mine.

Certainly public employees like educators, police officers and firefighters should not suffer a penalty for dedicating their lives to public services.

I urge Congress to move the Social Security Fairness Act forward for a vote. In addition, if Congress takes up overall social security reform, I further urge inclusion of repeal of the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package.

Respectfully submitted,

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Social Security at 75 Years